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a1 (b) operating said laser to deliver at least one light pulse to said area having a wavelength between 700 nm and 1100 nm, with each pulse delivering a fluence at [the] a skin surface above said area of between 5 joules per square centimeter and 100 joules per square centimeter and each pulse having a pulse duration of between 0.2 millisecond and 100 milliseconds.

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15. [Amended] A method for selectively destroying veins contained at a selected depth and in a selected area of the dermis of a person's leg comprising the steps of:

a2 (a) positioning a laser so that light from said laser will impinge upon [the] said dermis of a person's leg in said selected area; and

(b) operating said laser to deliver at least one light pulse having a wavelength between 700 nm and 1100 nm, each pulse delivering a fluence at [the] a skin surface above said area of between 5 joules per square centimeter and 100 joules per square centimeter and each pulse having a pulse duration of between 0.2 millisecond and 100 milliseconds.

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Claim 2, line 1, change "2" to --1--.

Claim 3, line 1, change "2" to --1--.

Claim 14, line 1, change "are" to --underlie--.

**Remarks:**

The applicant would like first to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview kindly granted on this application on April 14. Prior to such interview, the undersigned had sent the Examiner proposed amendments to claims 1, 2, 3, 14 and 15 to overcome the various 35 U.S.C. §112 objections raised by the Examiner. The Examiner indicated during the interview that he believed that these amendments overcame the problems and these amendments are therefor being formally presented above. In particular, claims 1 and 15 have been amended to indicate that light pulses